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TEN MILE RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Eureka – The Ten Mile River Bridge replacement project, located seven miles north of Fort Bragg on Route 1 in Mendocino County, is progressing well and is currently ahead of schedule. The access trestle, a temporary bridge built alongside the location of the new bridge, has been completed. The trestle allows workers and equipment year-round access to construct the new bridge without using the current bridge, thereby avoiding traffic control which would create delays for motorists. The trestle not only spans the river, but also an area of wetlands in order to protect it from equipment traffic. Both abutments, which are the foundations at the ends of the bridge, are complete along with three of the seven columns. The foundation work on the remaining four columns is in progress. Permanent erosion control (hydro mulch/seeding) has been placed on the completed earthwork slopes to prepare them for winter rains.

When completed in 2010, the public can enjoy a new bridge built to current seismic standards, helping to ensure reliable access to the northern Mendocino coast, and with wider shoulders to enhance both bicycle and motorist safety. Also included in the design of this \$43.5 million bridge is a parking area and a 5-foot wide protected sidewalk on the west side of the bridge, both of which conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility guidelines to provide all visitors access to the beautiful views of the Ten Mile River.

Questions or concerns about this project can be directed to Phil Frisbie, Jr., Public Information Officer for Lake and Mendocino Counties, at (707) 441-4678, or Phil_Frisbie@dot.ca.gov.

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